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Applicant(s): Jackson et al.
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For: Tampon Applicator
Examiner: Michele M. Kidwell
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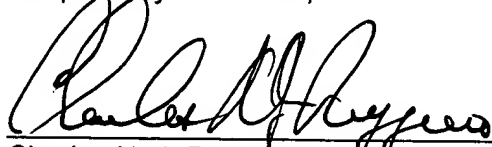
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We are enclosing for filing in the above-identified application the following:

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2. Petition for Extension of Time;
3. Amendment After Final;
4. Declaration with Exhibits, including form 1449 (3 sheets);
5. Firm's Check for \$1,280 (Notice of Appeal - \$330.00, Extension of Time - \$950)
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7. Postcard.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any such fees, if necessary to Deposit Account No. 01-0467 in the name of Ohlandt, Greeley, Ruggiero & Perle. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,



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Declaration

Dear Sir:

This Declaration is submitted to accompany the Amendment
After Final filed on even date.

1. I, Charles N.J. Ruggiero, am an attorney of record in
the above-identified application.

2. I attended a personal interview with Examiner Kidwell on July 20, 2004, at which time submission of documents from a pending litigation was discussed as noted in the Interview Summary.

3. Exhibit A is a form 1449 listing the court documents that were previously submitted, but not entered, with the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement of April 22, 2004. The documents, as Examiner Kidwell showed to me during the interview, are already in the USPTO file for this application.

4. Exhibit B is a form 1449 listing the court documents that I noted during the interview, along with a copy of each document, since these documents have not been previously submitted to the USPTO.

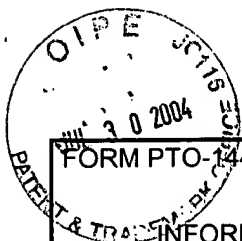
I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true. I further declare that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued

thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles N.J. Ruggiero". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Charles" and last name "Ruggiero" being more prominent than the middle initial "N.J.".

Charles N.J. Ruggiero



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	Rebuttal Expert Report of Mario A. Turchi, December 27, 2002
	Rebuttal Expert Report of Mario A. Turchi, Defendant's Exhibit 40, April 2, 2003.
	Expert Report of G.A.M. Butterworth, November 22, 2002.
	Rebuttal Expert Report of G.A.M. Butterworth, January 19, 2003.
	Expert Report of James Moller, Ph.D., P.E., November 26, 2002.

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	Playtex Products, Inc. v. Proctor & Gamble Co. and Proctor & Gamble Distributing Co., Appeal from the US District Court for the Southern District of Ohio in Case No. 02-CV-00391, District Judge Thomas M. Rose, Non-Confidential Joint Appendix, June 9, 2004.
	Playtex Products, Inc. v. Proctor & Gamble Co. and Proctor & Gamble Distributing Co., Appeal from the US District Court for the Southern District of Ohio in Case No. 02-CV-00391, District Judge Thomas M. Rose, Non-Confidential Reply Brief of Appellant, May 28, 2004.
	Playtex Products, Inc. v. Proctor & Gamble Co. and Proctor & Gamble Distributing Co., Appeal from the US District Court for the Southern District of Ohio in Case No. 02-CV-00391 Judge Thomas M. Rose, Non-Confidential Brief for Defendants-Appellees the Proctor & Gamble Company and the Proctor & Gamble Distributing Company, May 12, 2004.
	Playtex Products, Inc. v. Proctor & Gamble Co. and Proctor & Gamble Distributing Co., Appeal from the US District Court for the Southern District of Ohio in Case No. 02-CV-00391, District Judge Thomas M. Rose, Non-Confidential Brief of Appellant, April 2, 2004.

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